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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS R.)

SUBJECT: RHODESIA: SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER  
MWALE

1. SECRETARY VANCE, EDMONDSON AND LOW MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER  
MWALE AND ZIMBA SATURDAY AFTERNOON. AFTER THE SECRETARY REVIEWED  
HIS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT NYEREE, MWALE SAID THAT PRESIDENT  
KAUNDA HAD ASKED HIM TO IMPRESS UPON THE SECRETARY HOW ANXIOUS  
THE PRESIDENT WAS THAT THE MEETING SUCCED. THE SECRETARY AGREED.

2. MWALE SAID HE WAS PF CONCERN WITH TWO MAJOR ISSUES. FIRST,  
WHETHER THIS MEETING WAS JUST AN INFORMAL GET TOGETHER OR A  
SERIOUS FOLLOW-UP ON MALTA AT WHICH THEY COULD FINISH OFF  
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MILITARY ISSUES. BECAUSE THE PF WAS UNCONVINCED THAT WE WERE  
TREATING IT IN THIS LATTER FASHION IT WAS RESPONDING WITH  
CAUTION. THE SECRETARY RESPONDED THAT WE WANTED TO COME TO  
AGREEMENT AND MOVE ON FROM THERE.

3. SECOND MATTER MWALE SAID WAS THE POLICE. THIS WAS THE KEY  
ISSUE. THE ROLE OF THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER WAS LINKED TO

THAT OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL. IF WE COULD WORK OUT A PF PRESENCE THIS WOULD EFFECT ALL THE OTHER ISSUES INCLUDING NUMBERS ON THE GOVERNING COUNCIL.

4. SECRETARY VANCE MADE CLEAR THAT THE PF WAS STILL INSISTING ON A DOMINATING ROLE IN THE GOVERNING COUNCIL. IF ONE OF THE PARTIES MAINTAINS A DOMINANT POSITION IN THE COUNCIL AS WELL AS MAJOR PARTICIPATION IN THE POLICE IT WOULD APPEAR AS IF THE ELECTION WERE RIGGED AND WE COULD NOT SUPPORT IT. IF AFTER THE ALL-PARTY CONFERENCE IT BECAME EVIDENT THAT THE SALISBURY GROUP WOULD BE TREATED AS ONE PARTY AND THE PF THE OTHER, THEN PERHAPS WE COULD RETHINK THIS MATTER.

5. MWALE ASKED WHETHER THERE WOULD BE A POSSIBILITY OF JUST MOVING AHEAD ON THE MATTER OF PF PRESENCE. LOW SAID THAT WE WANT TO AVOID AGREEING TO SOMETHING WHICH WE COULD NOT SUPPORT AND WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE IN AN ALL-PARTIES CONTEXT. THE SECRETARY SAID THAT WE WOULD ONLY AGREE TO SOMETHING WHICH WE FELT WAS RIGHT AND COULD SUPPORT. HE SUGGESTED THAT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO GET AGREEMENT AT THE CONFERENCE ON THREE MATTERS.

-- A RETURN TO OUR POSITION ON THE POWERS OF THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER.

-- THE UN MILITARY FORCE

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-- AN ALL-PARTIES CONFERENCE.

THEN WE COULD LEAVE THE COMPOSITION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL AND POLICE MATTER OPEN. THIS WOULD BE A SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENT TO COME OUT OF THE MEETING AND WE COULD JUSTIFIABLY DESCRIBE IT AS HAVING MADE PROGRESS.

6. MWALE SAID HE APPRECIATED THE U.S. ROLE PLAYED AT LAGOS AND HE HOPED WE WOULD CONTINUE TO MOVE IN ON THE SITUATION. THE SECRETARY RESPONDED THAT HE WAS CONVINCIED THAT THE BRITISH ARE ALSO EAGER TO MAKE PROGRESS ON THIS ISSUE ABOUT WHICH THEY CARE DEEPLY.

7. THE FOREIGN MINISTER ASKED WHETHER WE COULDN'T MAKE A CLEAR AGENDA FOR THIS AFTERNOON'S MEETING WHICH THE SECRETARY AGREED SHOULD INCLUDE FOUR ISSUES: RESIDENT COMMISSIONER, THE GOVERNING COUNCIL, UN MILITARY FORCE AND THE POLICE.  
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